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NATIONAL AGRICULTURE INSURANCE SCHEME
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Agriculture Insurance Scheme has been implemented in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof with objectives;

(c) whether the Scheme provides to compensate all the farmers equally by State and UnionGovernment in the event of damage of cash crops by creating `Corpus Fund`;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to implement the said scheme in the State of Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)& (b) : The Government of Uttar Pradesh have given their consent to implement theNational Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) from kharif 2000. The Scheme coverscereals, millets, pulses, oilseeds and annual commercial/horticultural crops subject to availability of past yield data. It covers both loanee and non-loanee farmers and sum insured limit is upto 100% of the value of threshold yield and can be further extended up to the value of 150% of average yield. The objectives of the NAIS are - to provide financial support to the farmers in the event of crop failure due to natural calamities; to encourage the farmers to adopt progressive farming practices; and to stabilise farm incomes. The Uttar PradeshGovernment have constituted State Level Coordination Committee for Crop Insurance (SLCCCI) for taking further action in the implementation of NAIS.

(c): As per the provisions of the scheme claims upto 150% of the premium in respect of annual commercial/ horticultural crops will be borne by the Implementing Agency (IA) andclaims beyond 150% of the premium will be paid out of the Corpus Fund, to which contributions are made by the Central and State Government on 50 : 50 basis.

(d) & (e) : The Government of Mahrashtra have already started implementation ofthe NAISfrom Rabi 1999-2000 season. Crops covered during Rabi 1999-2000 in the State are BengalGram, Sunflower, Summer Groundnut, safflower, Jowar (Un-Irrigated), Jowar (Irrigated), Summer Paddy, Wheat (Un-Irrigated), Wheat (Irrigated) and Sugarcane. During Kharif 2000, the crops covered are Paddy, Jowar, Bajra, Groundnut, Ragi, Niger, Soyabean, Sesamum, Sunflower, Tur , Cotton, Moong, and Udid.